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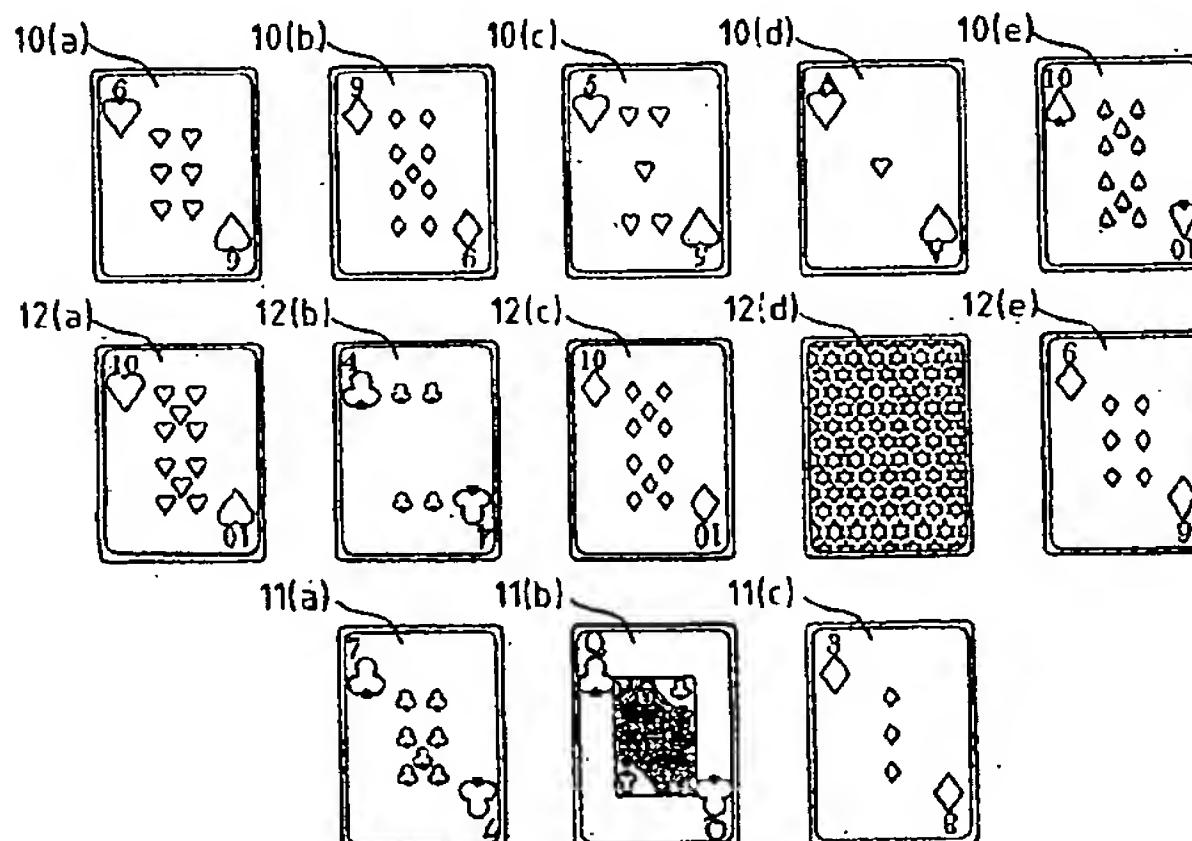
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(57) Abstract: There is provided a video card game machine, having a visual display unit (VDU), a user control panel for a control unit, means for awarding a prize such as a coin/token delivery hopper, and acceptance means to receive an input payment from a player such as a coin/token acceptor. The VDU is adapted to provide various displays one of which is illustrated. The VDU displays cards, a number of cards from the one pack of cards, namely, a line of winning cards 10(a) to (e), a line of continuance cards 11 (a) to (c). All of these cards are displayed with their indicia revealed to the player. Finally, there is a plurality, in this case 5, of gaming comparison cards 12(a) to (c) initially all face down. Card 12(a) is revealed and it matches card 10(c) and the player wins and receives a prize. Card 12(c) is then revealed and it matches card 10(a) recording a second win. Then card 12(c) is revealed which records a third win by matching with card 10(c) again. Finally, the game stops when the player reveals card 12(b) for which there is no match.

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